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State Representative Suzanna Gratia Hupp District 54

Dr. Suzanna Gratia Hupp was raised in Friendswood, Texas with her older brother Allan and younger sister, Erika. Suzanna attended the University of Texas at El Paso and Texas Chiropractic College, graduating with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree in 1985. Dr. Hupp moved to Central Texas in 1987, where she began practicing and still owns the Cove Physical Rehab clinic. Suzanna and her husband Greg also own a small Arabian horse breeding ranch at their home in Lampasas county.

Suzanna is recognized worldwide as one of the leading advocates for an individual's right to carry a concealed weapon. In 1991, after leaving her gun in her car in order to comply with the law, Suzanna watched helplessly as both her parents, along with 21 others were gunned down in a mass shooting at a local restaurant. As a survivor of this tragedy, her impassioned calls for the right of citizens to self-defense have thrust her into the national debate on the right to keep and bear arms. Since the Killeen massacre, she has testified numerous times across the country for the restoration of the Second Amendment. She has been quoted in US News and World Report, the Wall Street Journal, Time magazine, Texas Monthly, People, and many others. Suzanna's tireless efforts in this arena were recently recognized when she was awarded the Sybil Ludington Women's Freedom Award by the National Rifle Association.

As a first term legislator, Suzanna's accomplishments include legislative approval for the establishment of an upper-level, public university in Central Texas, the inclusion of additional days for the ballots of overseas military personnel to be counted in an election and the creation of a toll-free hotline to verify the safety record of an abortion facility. In addition, Suzanna worked to remove the legal liability which impeded the donation of much-needed firefighting equipment for use by volunteer fire departments. Representative Hupp was honored for her achievements during her first session by both the American Family Association and the Free Market Foundation.

Suzanna and her husband Greg have two sons, Alexander (2), and Ethan born on Mother's Day.

